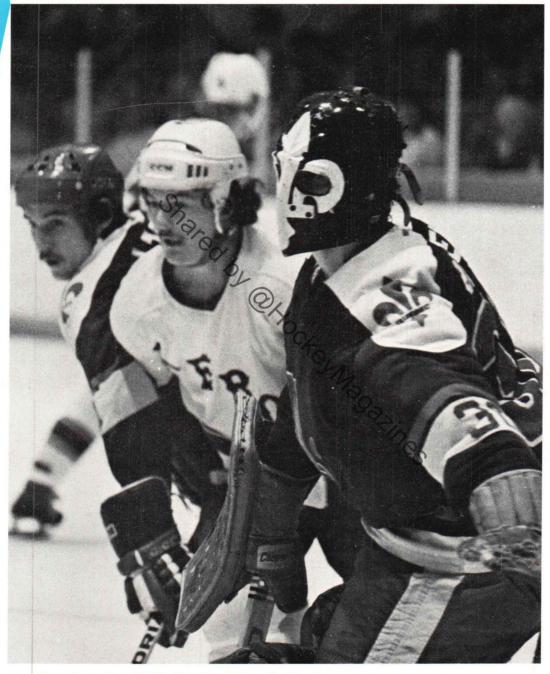
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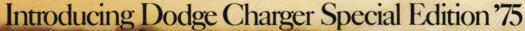
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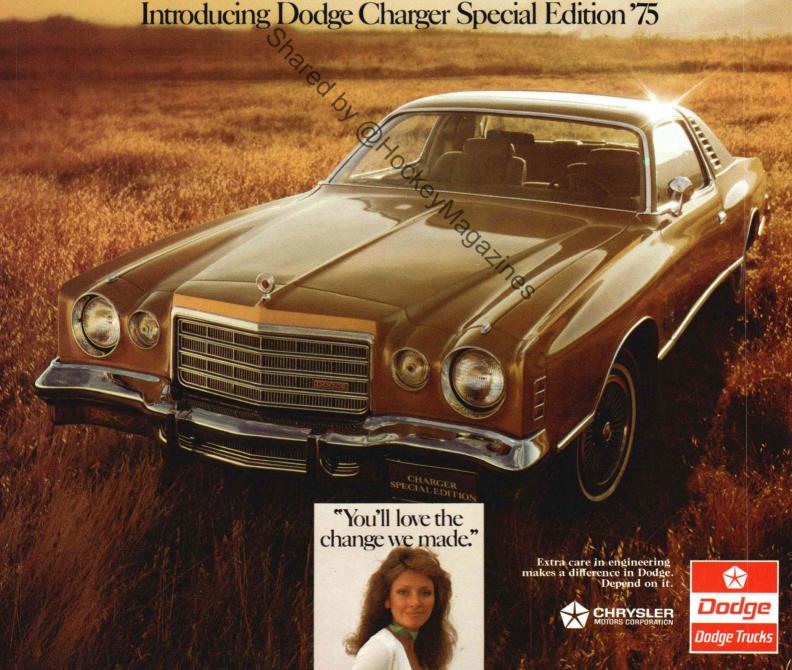
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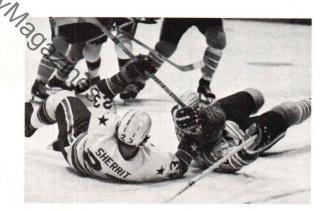
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The Rookies Re-Visited

By Kevin O'Keeffe

September 26, 1974... a black-haired mustachioed young Aero whirls and scores against a befuddled blue-shirted goalie. The fans in the Coliseum hug each other and shout for joy because their heroes have just beaten the NHL St. Louis Blues and Don Larway scored the winning goal.

Don Who???

Today, some seven months later, there is not one Aeros fan who is not familiar with Larway, his linemates Terry Ruskowski and Rich Preston and defenseman Glen Irwin.

These four kids have captured the hearts of all Houstonians this season. Numerous times the chant can be heard in the Coliseum, "We want the rookies!"

Coach Bill Dineen responds by sending out Larway, Ruskowski and Preston.

They respond with some lively checks and good hard skating.

Each one of the newcomers has added something to the defending champions this year, and all of them have certain reflections as this first year draws to a close.

For defenseman Irwin, this

year was his first stay in the major leagues after an extended minor league career.

"It's been a good year. I consider myself fortunate to have played with such a good hockey club. I have really enjoyed hockey this season and, when you are winning, it is always more fun," Irwin said.

Centerman Ruskowski is probably the biggest crowd favorite of the bunch. Although he is small in stature, Terry has made his name this year with his fisticuffs.

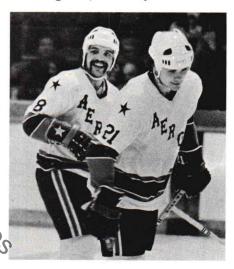
"I think I have to prove myself in this league, and when you are smaller, a lot of guys try to push you around; they think they are big oven. So I feel I had to prove myself to the Aeros and to other clubs in the WHA. If guys want to go (fight), won't hesitate and I take care of myself. I've just tried to prove this point so they wouldn't push me around or try to bully anyone on our team," Ruskowski said.

"I never expected to play this much. I thought I would play just sparingly and just when we needed someone out there

because of injury. But Fox (Coach Dineen) put us together in training camp and our first game against St. Louis went well and all has been good since," Ruskowski said.

Manning the right wing on the Kid Line, Larway came as a highly touted first draft choice out of Swift Current where he played with Ruskowski last year.

"As far as my game goes, I don't think I have really had a strong part all year, only the things I have picked up from watching Gordie (Howe) and the other veteran players, the finesse of the game," Larway said.







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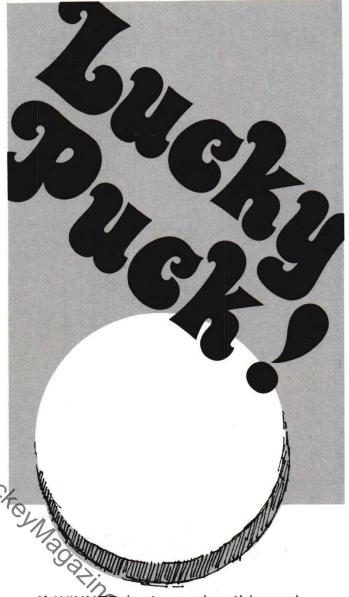
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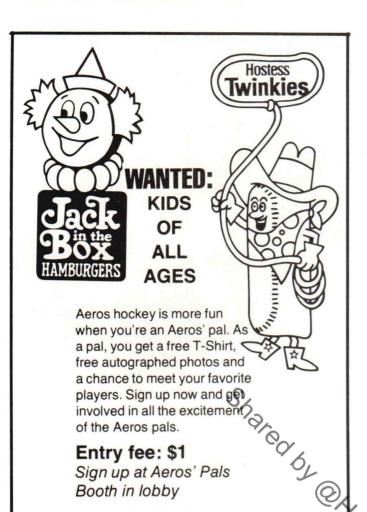
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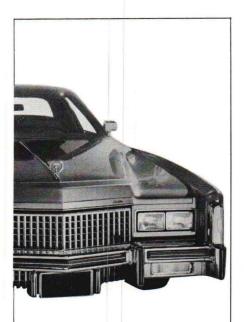
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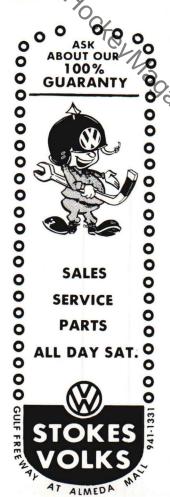
Larway said the three youngsters, playing as a line, "feel free out there."

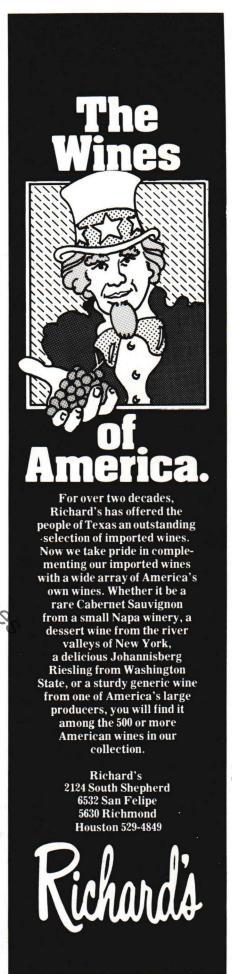
"Sarge" Preston, the Kid Line's left winger, said the biggest change for him this year has been the number of games played.

"Last year at the University of Denver, we played 38 games overall counting playoffs and exhibitions. This season there are 78 regular season contests, not counting exhibitions and playoffs. It is tough to get yourself mentally and physically prepared for every game," Preston said.

On his own performance this year, Preston replies humbly that "You always like to do better, but am happy with what I have done so far."

Preston sounded a most ironic note as he concluded, "we must continue to improve because next year there will be other rookies".





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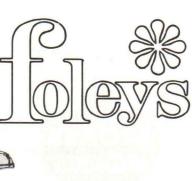
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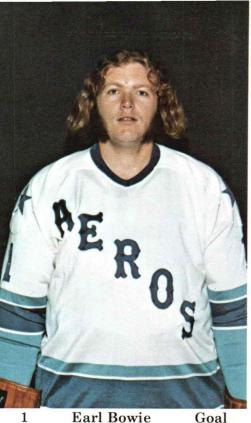
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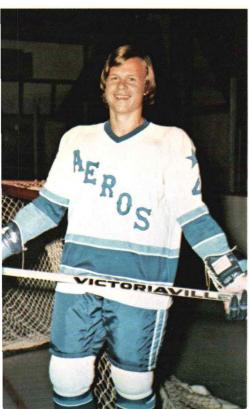
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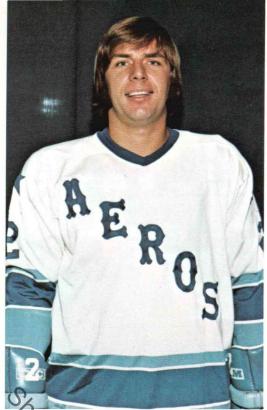
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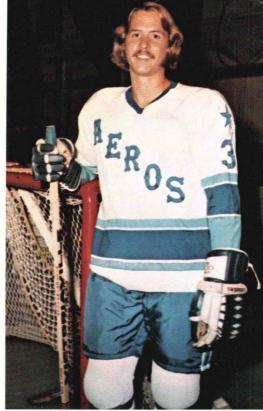




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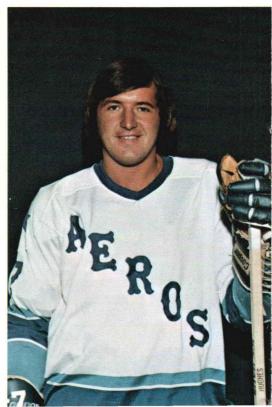
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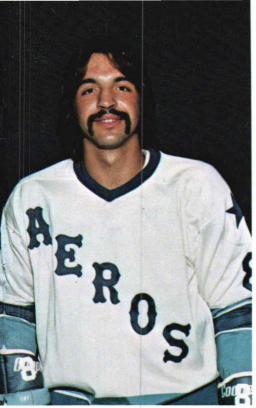




3 Marty Howe Defense 6'1" 185 lbs. Shoots left
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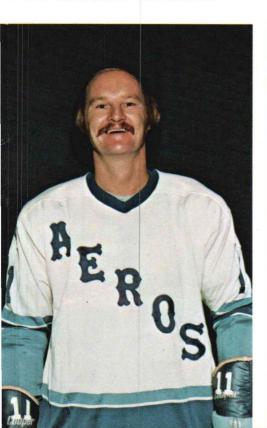
7 Frank Hughes Right Wing 5'10" 180 lbs. Shoots right Born: October 1, 1949
Aeros' leading goal scorer in 1973-'74 with 42. Led WHA in power play goals with 13.





8 Terry Ruskowski Center 5'10" 168 lbs. Shoots left Born: December 31, 1954 Scored 133 points with Swift Current, WCHL. Aeros rookie.

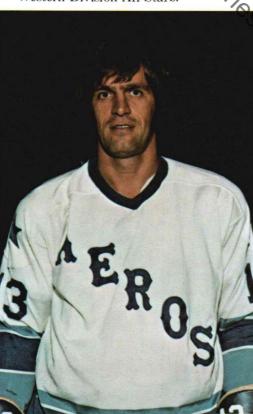
11 Murray Hall Right Wing 5'11" 174 lbs. Shoots right Born: November 24, 1940 Thirty goal scorer with Aeros in 1973. Third season with Houston.

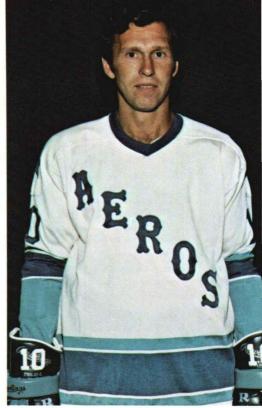




Gordie Howe Right Wing 6 205 lbs. Shoots Right Bork March 31, 1928 1973-74 WHA Most Valuable Player. Scored 100 points for Aeros, and 800th career goal on Jan. 17, 1974. Played with 1974 Team Canada.

13 Larry Lund Center 6' 190 lbs. Shoots right Born: September 9, 1940 Second leading scorer behind Cordie Howe in 1973-'74. Member, 1973-74. Western Division All-Stars.

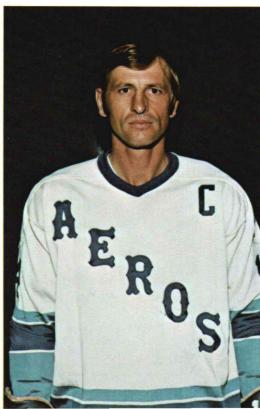




10 Gordon Labossiere Center 6'1" 185 lbs. Shoots right Born: January 2, 1940 Leading scorer in first season. Third season with Houston.

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14 Ted Taylor Left Wing 6' 175 lbs. Shoots left Born: February 25, 1942 Member, Western Division All-Stars, 1972. Aeros' team captain for third straight year.



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BODY CHECKING Hit the opponent with the hip or shoulder. Checker cannot take more than three strides before slamming

into the opposing player.

POKE CHECKING Cause the puck carrier to lose control of the puck by poking it away with the blade part of the stick.

SWEEP CHECK Cause the puck carrier to lose control of the puck by moving the shaft of the stick along the ice in a

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DROP PASS Player moving up the ice with the puck deliberately leaves the puck behind him for a trailing teammate as he

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HEAD MAN THE PUCK Pass the puck to a teammate in front of you.

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Shooting the puck with a flip of the wrist-no back swing. WRIST SHOT

Goalie's view blocked by players between the shooter and the goaltender. SCREEN SHOT

BREAKAWAY No opponent between the player with the puck/and the goal except the goaltender.

SPLIT THE DEFENSE Player with the puck attempts to squeeze between the opponents defensemen.

DANGLE

DEKE To fake an opponent out of position. Getting the goal eta make the first move before shooting the puck in

the spot he left open by the move.

FREEZE THE PUCK Holding the puck against the boards and out of sight of the referee with the stick or skate by opposing

players in order to stop the action and force a faceoff.

FACEOFF When opposing centers face each other awaiting the drop of the puck by the referee to restart the action

following a stoppage of play.

POWER PLAY Combination of players used by a team when they have a man advantage during a penalty to their

opponents. Team with the man advantage usually plays with four forwards and one defenseman giving them

extra shooting power for the duration of the penalty.

PULL THE GOALIE Replace the goaltender with an extra forward. This maneuver usually occurs when a team trails by one goal

in the final minute or so of the game. It is an desperation maneuver aimed at tiging the score and sending the

game into overtime.

HAT THE TRICK A player is credited with a "hat trick" when he scores three goals in a game.

THROW SNOW Sudden stop on the ice by a player causing a spray of shaved ice.

CURVED STICK Hockey stick with a blade that curves from tip to heel. Maximum depth of the curve must not exceed 11/2

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POINTS Small areas in the offensive zone just over the blue line and close to the side boards on both sides of the

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CREASE Area directly in front of the goalie. It is four feet wide and eight feet long and marked off by red lines.

Purpose of the crease is to offer some protection to the goalie from the heavy checking action that takes

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SIN BIN Another name for the penalty box.

PUCK Vulcanized rubber disc one inch thick, three inches in diameter and weighs six ounces.

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Simple Rules of WHA Hockey

Major league ice hockey is played on a rink 200 feet long, 85 feet wide. As in football and basketball, two teams shoot for the opposing goal or net.

Six men are on the ice at one time for each club. The goaltender usually, but not always, remains in the game throughout. The other five players are changed at regular intervals.

If you're watching hockey for the first time, remember that the offense is keyed by what is referred to as a "line." A "line" is composed of the center, the right wing, and the left wing. Backing up the "line" is the defense two players who trail the line into the puck. He may use a wrist shot, the attacking zone.

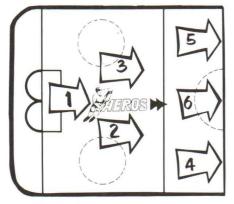
PLAYER POSITIONS AND DUTIES

Each of the six men has major specific duties:

The goaltender is the key man in blocking scoring efforts. If he is penalized, his time is served by a teammate since his role is vital. He plays the puck, not the attacker, and tries to block it, smother it, deflect it or catch it. Although well-protected, he is on the receiving end of many bruises and injuries.

The right and left defensemen are cat-quick artists on ice. They operate as a well-coordinated team, skating forward or backward equally well, blocking shots and often checking attackers with a shoulder or hip.

The right and left wingers are usually the scorers in professional hockey. They, too, operate as a team, skating with their sticks to the ice always ready to receive a pass or a rebound. When his opposite winger, or the centerman, is fighting for possession of the puck, the winger sets up in the "slot" about 25 feet in front of the goal



- from where most opposing goals are scored.

Other times, he settles directly in front of the goaltender to screen his vision of the puck and to be in a good position to deflect abackhand shot or the more powerful slap shot.

The center is the Aeros quarterback. takes all face-offs. When the puck is dropped, he fights to draw back to his teammates. He sets ap scoring plays with his wingers and is usually more adept at the att of stickhandling than the average winger. He is the "forechecker" when the opposition has possession of the puck in its own end. He harasses the defense, and works as a close-knit three-man unit with his wingers.

Hockey is teamwork at its best, which is why an "assist" has the same point value as scoring a goal.

RULES OF HOCKEY

There are three zones: offensive, defensive, and neutral. Watch the Aeros carefully. When their opponent is attacking with the puck between the Aeros goaltender and the Aeros' blue line, the puck is in the defensive zone. When the Aeros skate up ice and are between the opponent's goaltender and that closest blue line, this is the offensive, or attacking zone. The neutral zone is the space between the two blue lines, split by the red line. (60 feet)

The officials are easily recognized by the traditional striped jerseys. In the WHA, the referee, who is in complete charge, is distinguished by a redstriped jersey. He calls all penalties, and it is within his jurisdiction to interpret the rule book.



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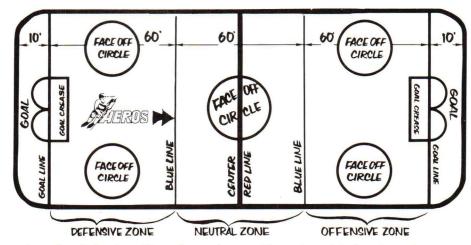


The linesmen, in white stripes, patrol the blue and red lines, watching for offside and icing violations.

Offside: There are two offside infractions. The best way to watch for an offside is to remember that the puck must always preceed a player into the attacking zone. For example, if the Aeros are hurling a barrage of shots at the opposing goalie, most likely their attacking line and defense are all between the goalie and the blue line. If the right wing attempts a pass to the point (defenseman guarding the extreme right or left side of the line) and it alludes the man and goes into the neutral zone, then all the Aeros must vacate that attacking zone. If the puck returns into the zone without this happening, then the linesman closest to the play blows his whistle for offside. A faceoff then occurs at a point outside the blue line, close to where the infraction was called.

The other offside is commonly referred to as the "two-line pass." The calling of this violation prevents one team from completely getting the jump on the other. A team is in their own, or defensive zone. The defenseman takes the puck and attempts to "Clear" - or pass — the puck to one of his wings streaking down the ice. If the puck proceeds the player over the red or opponent's blue line, the play is onside — no whistle. If, however, the player beats the puck over the line, then the whistle blows — two line pass.

Icing: The most widely-known hockey term is icing. Although it is a violation of the rules, many players utilize it to "take the heat off." Basically, icing is shooting the puck the entire



length of the ice. If a player is on his end of the ice (between the goalie and the red line) and fires the puck across the opposing goal line, this is icing. The whistle blows and the faceoff is conducted in one of two face-off circles in the violating team's end. Fans can articipate the icing call when they see one linesman's arm go up. The other linesman will

blow the whistle when the puck crosses the goal line and is touched by the opposition.

The whistle will not blow and there is no violation when:

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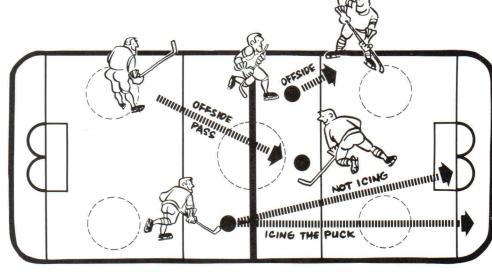
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player before crossing the goal line.

• The puck is cleared from between the defending blue and the red line on a shorthanded situation. If this is confusing: When a team is caught shorthanded by a penalty, it is not illegal to ice the puck if the defending player skates across his own blue line and



then fires it. In the past, a team was permitted legally to ice the puck from anywhere on the ice in a

PENALTIES

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Hockey is one sport in which

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This ocon the ice than the other. This occurs when the referee catches a player committing one of several illegal moves. The referee determines the severity of the punishment by classifying a penalty as minor or major.

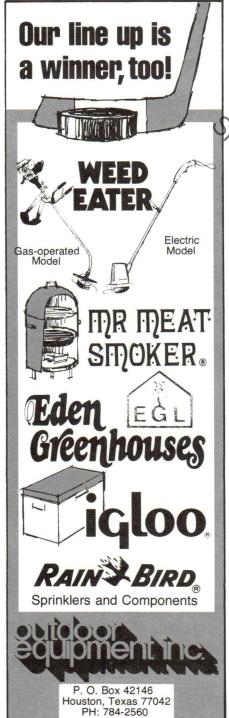
Minor: A player sits to the penalty box for two minutes. The team affected thus plays shorthanded for that allotted amount of time. If, while the player is cooling his heels, the opposing team scores a goal, the penalized player returns to the ice without having to serve full time.

Major: A player sits in the penalty box five minutes. This is called when a player is involved in a fight, or when he deliberately intends to injure an opponent. This is also called when, deliberately or not, the opposing player is cut. Unlike the minor penalty, a major requires the player to sit in the sin bin throughout the entire five minutes — whether a goal is scored or not.

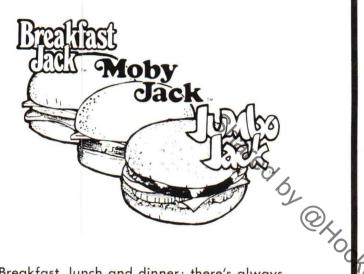
Misconduct: A player is asked to leave the ice for ten minutes. His team does not play shorthanded, but loses his services no matter what happens. What act specifically constitutes misconduct is determined by the referee. Most often, misconduct is called when a player utters abusive language or carries on an overly-long argument with the official. A double misconduct results automatic ejection from the game.

Match Penalty: Player is ejected from game. His team must also play shorthanded during allotted minutes. Another player is selected by the coach to serve the penalty. Prime cause for this call is deliberate attempt to injure. Most match penalties are reviewed by the WHA League president and include an automatic \$200 fine.

Penalty Shot: Very rare. If, in the mind of the referee, a player who has a clean break on the opposing goaltender is tripped from behind, a penalty shot is awarded. The player is given free reign to take the puck from center ice and move in on the goaltender. He is allowed only one shot and cannot rebound. No additional tripping penalty is called.



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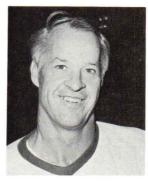
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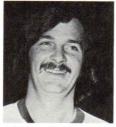
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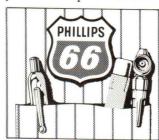
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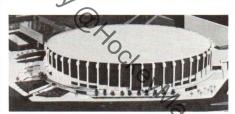
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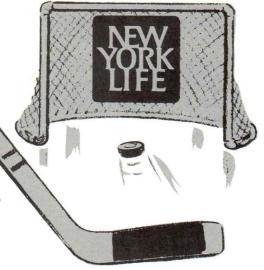
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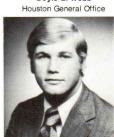
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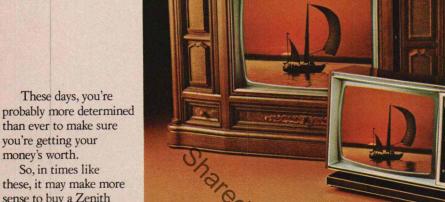
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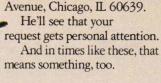
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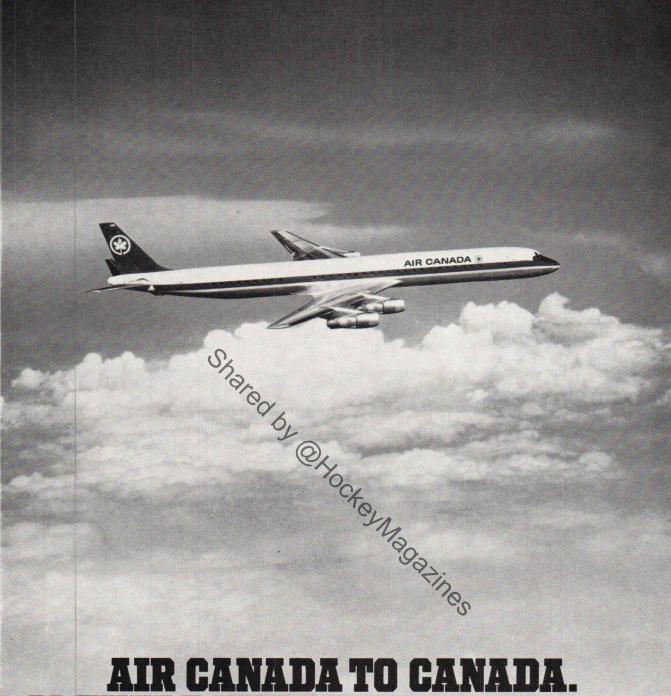
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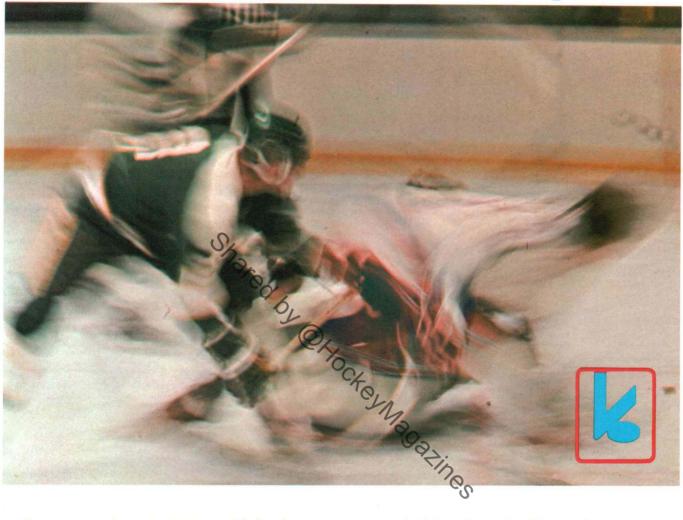
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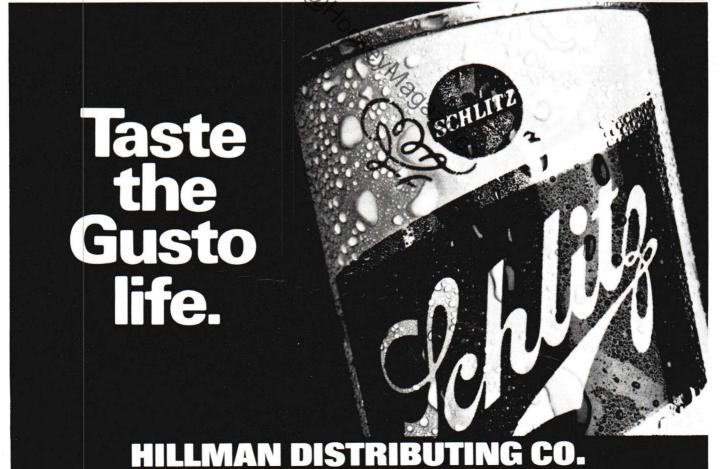


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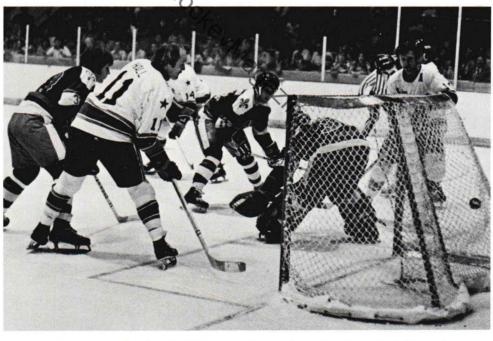
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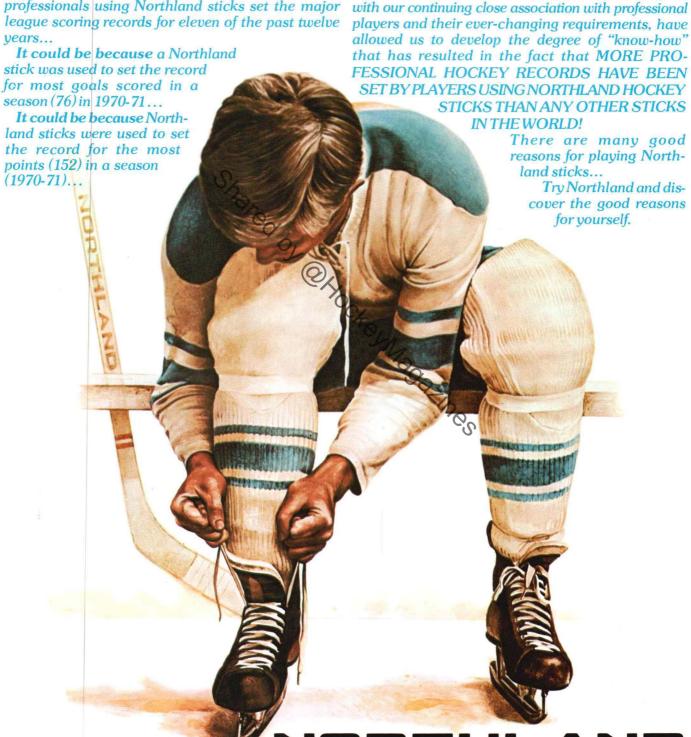
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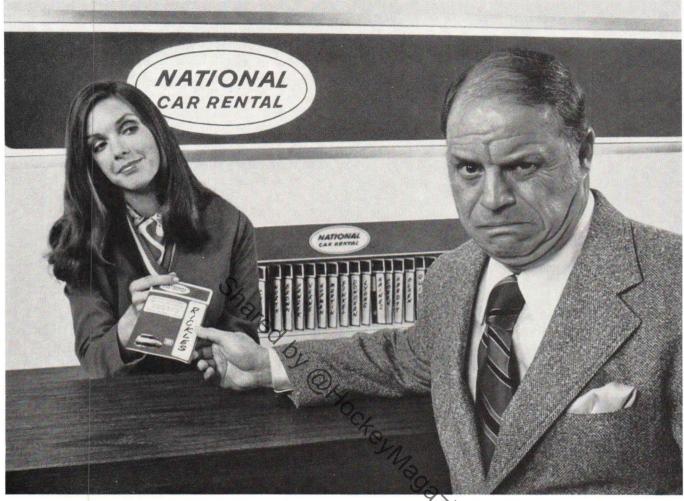


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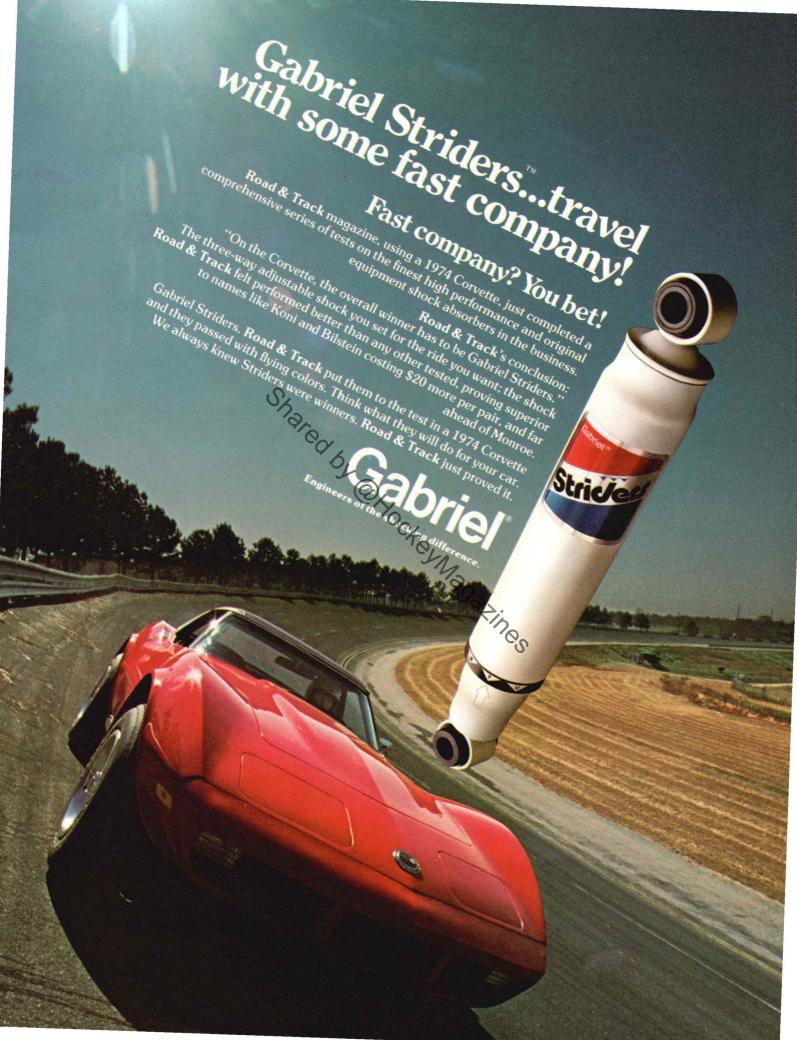
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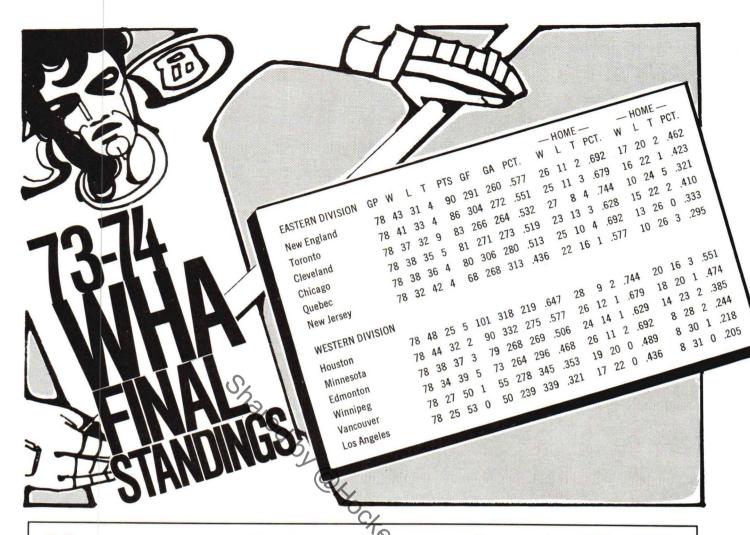
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Houston doesn't attack with just one set power play unit. Instead Coach Bill Dineen finds fire power from any number of players as shown by the breakdown of who got the power play goals. Frank Hughes netted 13 while Gordie Howe and Andre Hinse each had 9. Murray Hall added 8, Larry Lund 7, Mark Howe 5 and Jim Sherrit and Gordon Labossiere 4 each.

The Aeros also allowed the fewest goals while playing on the power play — 3. Two years ago only one goal was scored against Houston while it was on the power play.



FRANK HUGHES

	Opponents Team	Average PIM	PIM	Opportunities	GF	GA	Proficiency	Frequency
1.	Houston	893	11.4	223	64	3	28.7%	3.48
2.	New Jersey	802	10.3	213	52	4	24.4%	4.10
3.	Toronto	1009	12.9	257	50	4	23.3%	4.28
4.	Minnesota	1225	15.7	262	61	11	23.3%	4.30
5.	Cleveland	976	12.5	245	56	12	22.9%	4.38
6.	Quebec	1191	15.3	280	61	6	21.8%	4.75
7.	Chicago	934	5 12.0	245	51	8	20.8%	4.80
8.	New England	914	0,11.7	228	47	7	20.6%	4.85
9.	Los Angeles	1042	3.4	255	43	8	16.9%	5.93
10.	Vancouver	1069	13.7	289	47	12	16.26%	6.149
11.	Winnipeg	768	9.8	240	39	15	16.25%	6.154
12.	Edmonton	1168	15.0	245	39	4	15.9%	6.28
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Last season the Cougars went all the way to the finals of the AVCO World Cup against Houston. The reasons were many, but not the least of which was the fact that Chicago's penalty killing unit ranked No. 1 in the WHA last year.

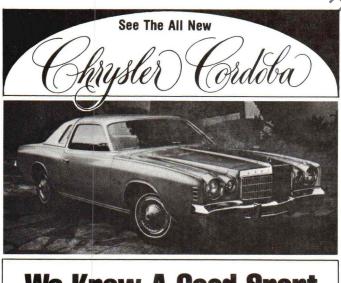
Rod Zaine and Jim Benzelock were the mainstays on the penalty killing squad. Both were with the Cougars two years ago, but weren't used in that capacity.

"We think Rod is the premier penalty killer in this league," said Cougar director of player personnel Jacques Demers. Zaine and Benzelock each only scored five goals during the season, but their value was not in scoring, but stopping opponent's power plays.



JIM BENZELOCK

	Team	PIM	Average	Situations	\mathbf{GF}	GA	Efficiency	Frequency
1.	Chicago	1041	13.3	289	7	45	84.4%	6.42
	Houston	1035	13.3	288	17	47	83.7%	6.13
3.	Toronto	878	11.3	249	5	42	83.1%	5.93
4.	New England	875	11.2	197	3	36	81.7%	5.47
5.	Minnesota	1243	15.9	265	20	53	80.0%	5.00
6.	Winnipeg	671	8.6	207	8	45	78.3%	4.60
7.	Edmonton	1276	16.4	295	9	66	77.6%	4.47
8.	Quebec	909	11.7	194	1	44	77.3%	4.41
9.	New Jersey	933	12.0	241	7	55	77.2%	4.38
10.	Vancouver	1045	3, 13.4	286	7	66	76.9%	4.33
11.	Cleveland	1007	Q12.9	237	6	59	75.1%	4.02
12.	Los Angeles	1078	43.8	234	4	62	73.5%	3.77
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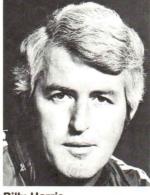


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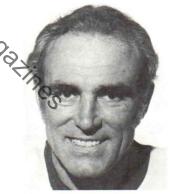
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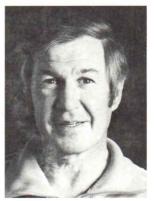
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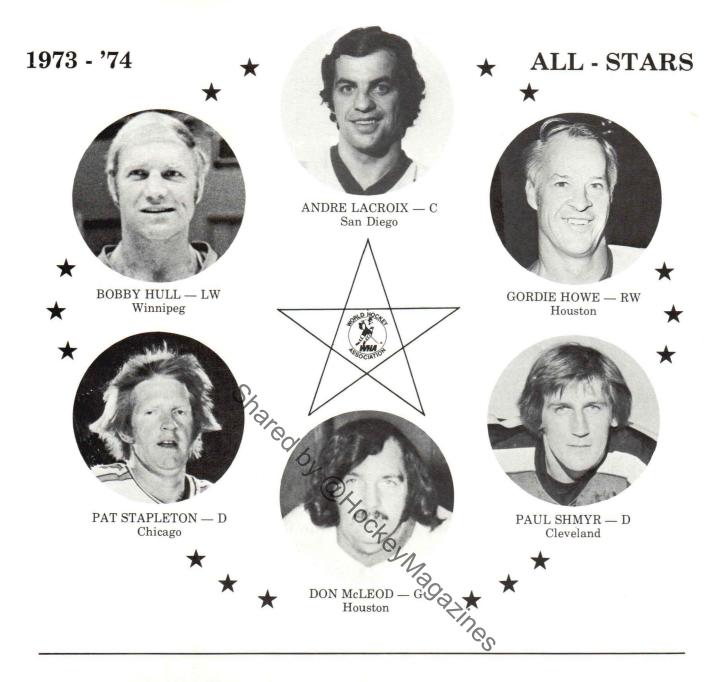


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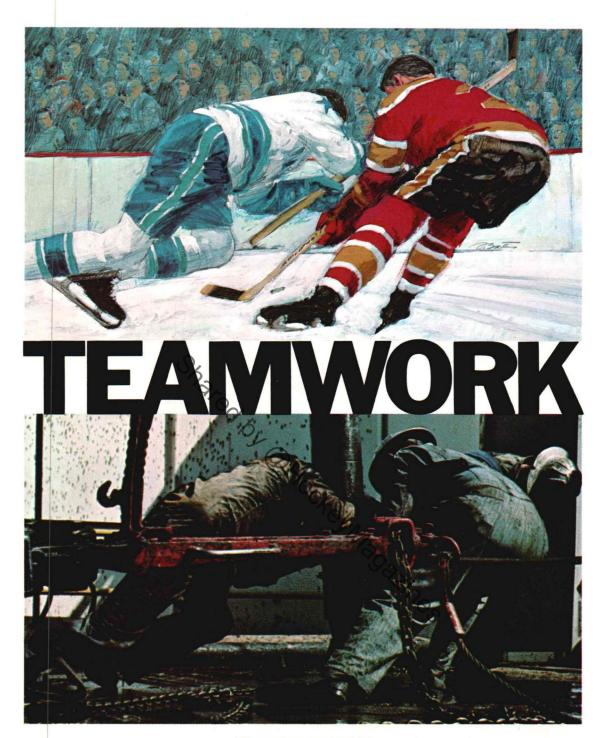
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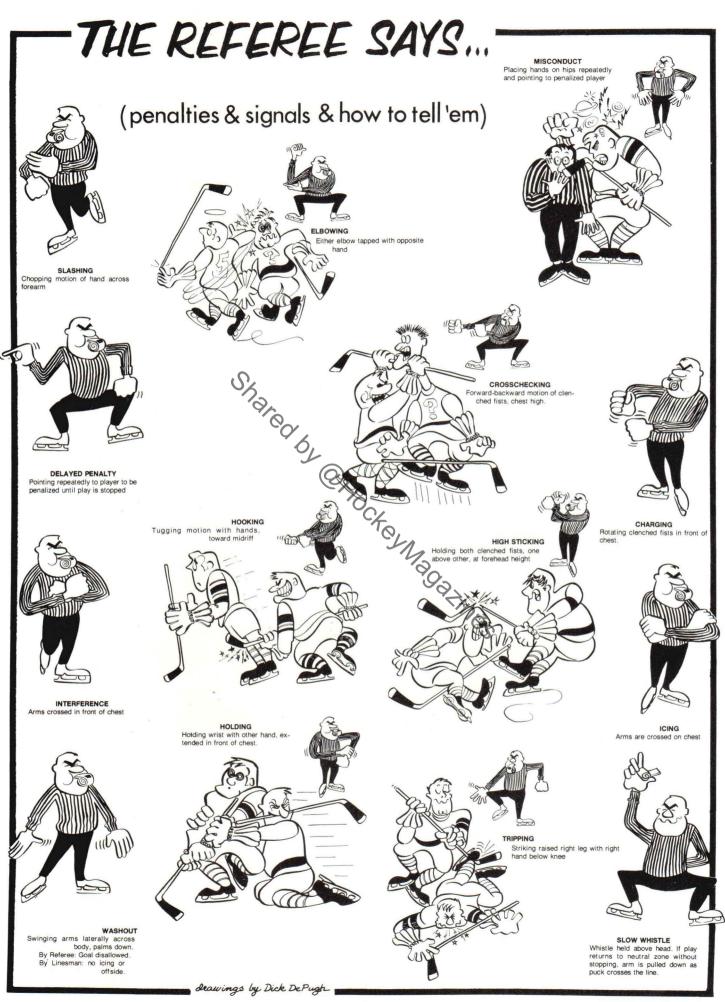
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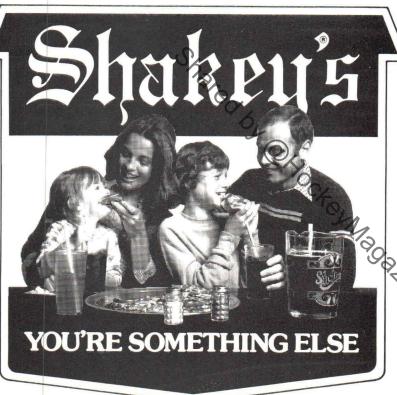
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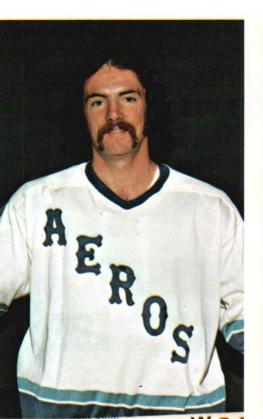
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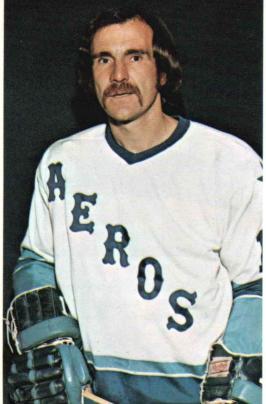
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16 Andre Hinse Left Wing 5'9" 175 lbs. Shoots left Born: April 19, 1945 WHA rookie scoring leader for 1973-'74.

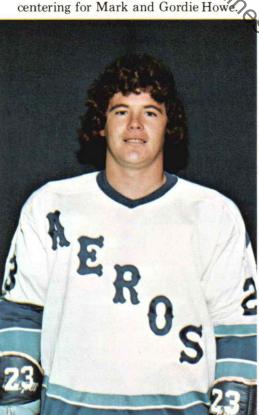
22 Bill Prentice Defense 6'1" 190 lbs. Shoots right Born: June 10, 1950 Second full year with Houston.

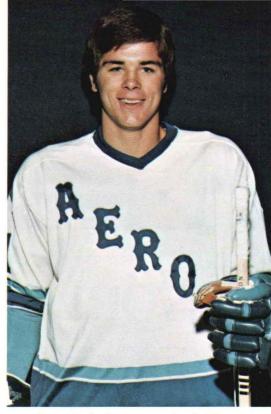




Larry Hale Defense 6'1' 180 lbs. Shoots left Born. October 9, 1941 Aeros' 'P'ayer of the Year'' in 1974.

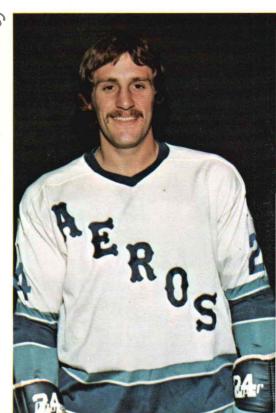
23 Jim Sherrit C. Center 5'7" 170 lbs. Shoots right Born: September 29, 1948 Rookie surprise of the year last season. Scored 30 goals while centering for Mark and Gordie How

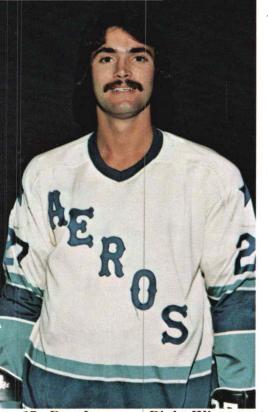




21 Rich Preston Left Wing 6' 185 lbs. Shoots right Born: May 22, 1952 Scored 45 points for University of Denver last year. Aero rookie.

24 Glen Irwin Defense
5'11" 195 lbs. Shoots right
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27 Don Larway Right Wing 6'1" 192 lbs. Shoots right Born: February 2, 1954 Aeros' Number 1 draft choice this year. Also first pick of NHL Boston Bruins. Scored two clutch goals vs. St. Louis Blues.

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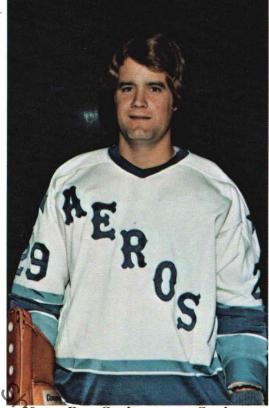
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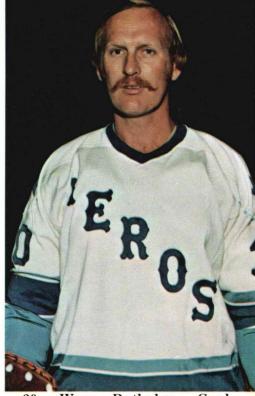
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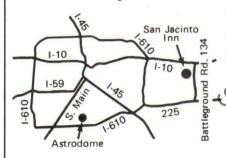


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Most Points, season 124, Andre Lacroix, 1972-73

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Most Points, game— 10, Jim Harrison, Jan. 30, 1973

Most Goals, game— 5, Ron Ward, Jan. 4, 1973 Ron Climie, Nov. 6, 1973

Most Assists, game— 7, Jim Harrison, Jan. 30, 1973

Most Penal Minutes, game— Derek Anderson, Oct. 24, 1974

Most Power Play 30, season—20, Danny Laws 1972-73

Most Shorthanded Goals, season— 9, Mike Walton, 1973-70

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16, Terry Caffery (1972-73)
Mike Walton (1974)

Most Consecutive Games with Goal— 9, Danny Lawson (1973-74)

Most Consecutive Games with Assist— 12, Terry Caffery, 1972

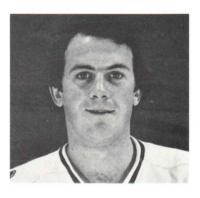
Most Shutouts, season— 5, Gerry Cheevers, 1972-73



GERRY CHEEVERS, Cleveland ...most shutouts (season)



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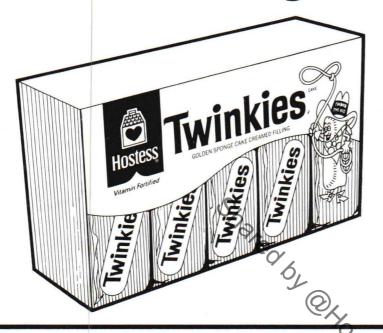
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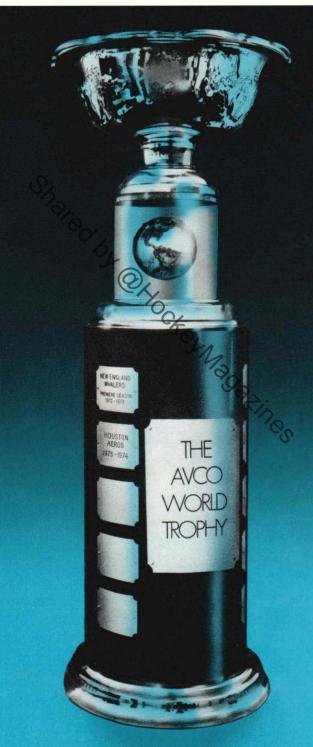
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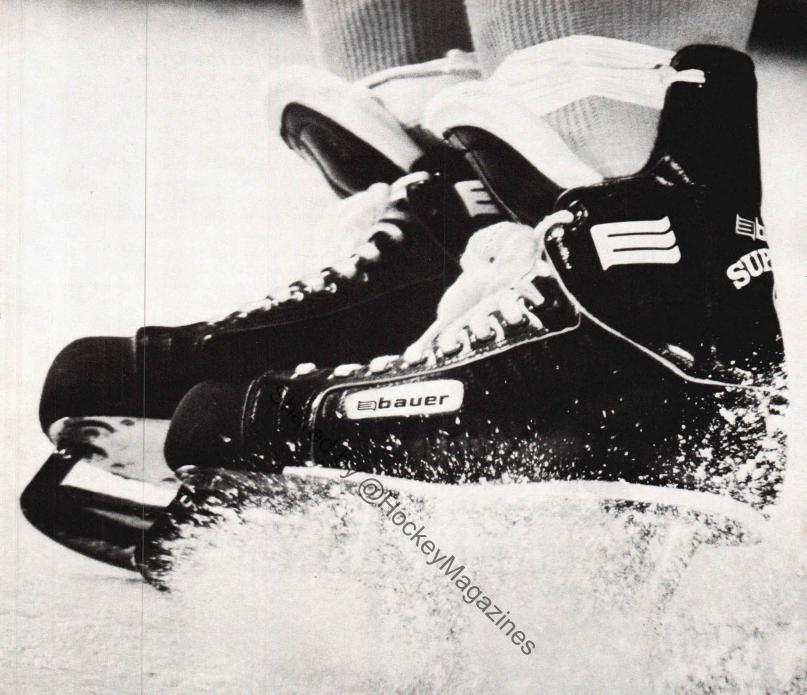


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The trophy was presented to Murphy and the WHA by the Houston Aeros Booster Club at the club's Second Annual Aeros Appreciation Banquet.

Harry LaBarr, 1974-75 Booster Club president, said the trophy was donated by the Aeros Booster Club and funded by donation.

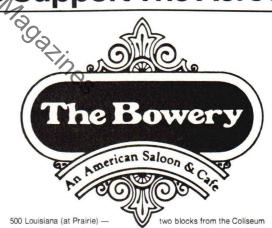
Emma Stark Sievers, sculpturess, designed and created the bronze bust of Gordie which tops the 29-1/2 inch walnut-based trophy.

WHA President Murphy said he expected the trophy to become the most coveted award in the league in the years to come.

With the inception of the trophy, it seems only fitting that it be named in honor of Gordie, a man who has scored the most goals in hockey history, the most points in hockey history and has played the most games and seasons in hockey history, Murphy said.

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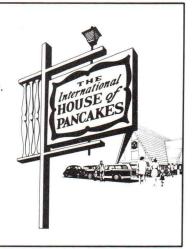
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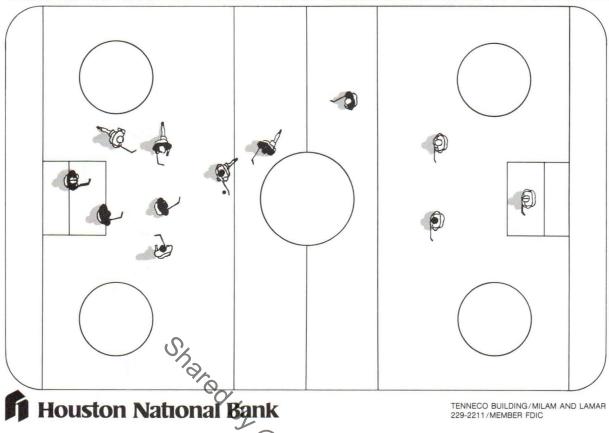
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The following stats include all games played up to and including the March 29 contest against the Minnesota Fighting Saints.

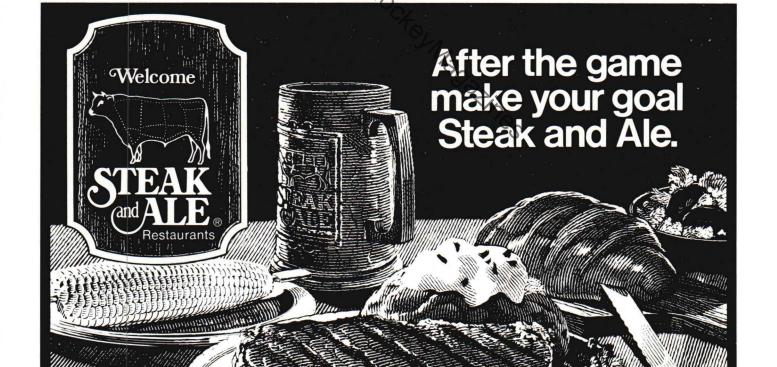
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Player	GP	G	A	Pts.	PIM					
13 Larry Lund	74	31	69	100	62					
9 Gordie Howe	71	33	61	94	80					
16 Andre Hinse	71	39	42	81	12					
7 Frank Hughes	72	41	32	73	34					
4 Mark Howe	70	33	39	72	32					
6 Poul Popiel	74	11	51	62	125					
10 Gordon Labossiere	72	21	31	52	30					
8 Terry Ruskowski	66	10	34	44	124					
14 Ted Taylor	69	25	26	51	126					
2 John Schella	74	10	36	46	168					
23 Jim Sherrit	72	44	27							
21 Rich Preston	74	20	21	41	10					
11 Murray Hall	74	16	28	44	28					
27 Don Larway	72	21	13	34	49					
3 Marty Howe	71	12	17	29	87					
17 Larry Hale	71	2	14	16	30					
24 Glen Irwin	65	2	10	12	126					
22 Bill Prentice	17	0	3	3	19					
29 Ron Grahame	41	0	1	1	6					
30 Wayne Rutledge	33	0	0	0	2					
Bench	-2	0	0	0	2					
Totals	747	347	552	899	1179					
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29 Ron Grahame	41 2470		3.00	31 10	0					
30 Wayne Rutledge	33 1930	107/	3.26	19 14	0					
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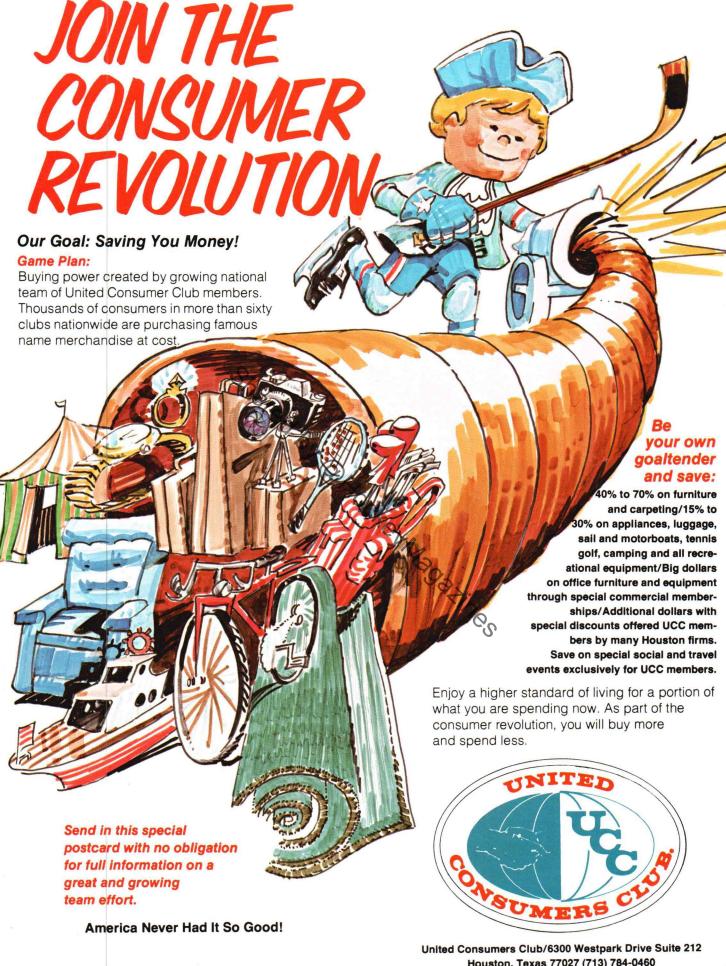
HOUSTON AEROS 1974-75 TEAM ROSTER

	Name	Pos.	S	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	73-74 Club	League	GP	G	Α	Pts.	PIM
2	John Schella	D	R	6-0	180	5- 9-47	Houston	WHA	73	12	19	31	170
3	Marty Howe	D	L	6-1	185	2-18-54	Houston	WHA	73	4	20	24	90
	Mark Howe	LW	L	541	180	5-28-55	Houston	WHA	76	38	41	79	20
	Poul Popiel	D	L	5-10	176	2-28-43	Houston	WHA	78	7	41	48	126
7	Frank Hughes	RW	R	5-10	0 180	10- 1-49	Houston	WHA	73	42	42	84	47
	Terry Ruskowski	C	L	5-10	Or68	12-31-54	Swift Current	WCHL	68	40	93	133	243
	Gordie Howe	RW	R	6-0	205	3-31-28	Houston	WHA	70	31	69	100	46
10	Gordon Labossiere	C	R	6-1	185	1- 2-40	Houston	WHA	67	19	36	55	30
11	Murray Hall	RW	R	5-11	174	(Q1)-24-40	Houston	WHA	78	30	28	58	18
	Larry Lund	C	R	6-0	190	9-9-40	Houston	WHA	75	33	53	86	109
	Ted Taylor	LW	L	6-0	175	2-25-42	Houston	WHA	75	21	23	44	143
16		LW	L	5-9	175	4-19-45		WHA	69	24	56	80	39
17	Larry Hale	D	L	6-1	180	10- 9-41	Houston	WHA	69	2	14	16	39
	Rich Preston	LW	R	6-0	185	5-22-52	Denver U.	WCHA	38	20	25	45	36
22	Bill Prentice	D	R	6-1	190	6-10-50	Houston	WHA	55	1	2	3	35
23	Jim Sherrit	C	R	5-7	170	9-29-48	Houston	WHA	76	30	28	58	18
24	Glen Irwin	D	R	5-11	195	3- 1-51	Ft. Worth	CHL	78	0	19	19	153
27	Don Larway	RW	R	6-1	192	2- 2-54	Swift Current	WCHL	66	46	36	82	175
	Name	Dan	S	U4	Wt.	Birthdate	73-74 Club	League	GP	Min.	W-L-T	GA	Avg.
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	Earl Bowie	G	L	5-11	210	12-31-52 6- 7-50	Quesnel	WHA	4	250	3-0-1	5	1.20
29		G	L	5-11	175		Houston		25		12-12-1	84	3.34
30	Wayne Rutledge	G	L	6-2	205	1- 5-42	Houston	WHA	23	1509	17-17-1	04	3.34



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